

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 OUAGAD 01358 131824Z
ACTION H-03

INFO OCT-01 AF-04 EUR-08 ISO-00 SS-07 NSC-06 AID-01
/030 W

-----131839Z 057975 /44

R 131534Z APR 77
FM AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3687
INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN
AMEMBASSY KINSHASA
AMEMBASSY PARIS

C O N F I D E N T I A L OUAGADOUGOU 1358

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, CG, AO, UV
SUBJ: SUPPORT FOR MEDIATION OF ZAIRE-ANGOLA DISPUTE

REF: STATE 066446

1. WHEN I CALLED WITH CHAIRMAN DIGGS ON FOREIGN MINISTER KARGOUGOU APRIL 7, CHAIRMAN DIGGS ASKED HIM WHAT HE THOUGHT OF SITUATION IN ZAIRE. KARGOUGOU REPLIED THAT POSITION HE WAS ABOUT TO OUTLINE TO US HAD NOT YET RECEIVED FORMAL APPROVAL BY COUNCIL OF MINISTERS BUT THAT PROCESS OF CLEARANCE WAS FAR ENOUGH ALONG SO THAT HE FELT HE COULD TELL US ABOUT IT. UPPER VOLTA, HE SAID, CONSIDERED THAT THE ARMED ATTACK ON THE SHABA PROVINCE OF ZAIRE WAS AN INVASION AIDED AND ABETTED BY ANGOLA AND, THEREFORE, BY CUBA AND THE SOVIET UNION. IF SUCH INVASION WAS ALLOWED TO SUCCEED, NO AFRICAN NATIONA WOULD FEEL SAFE WITHIN ITS BORDERS. THE AFRICAN CONTINENT IS PRESENTLY THE OBJECT OF A GENERAL OFFENSIVE BY THE SOVIET UNION. EVEN IN WEST AFRICA NO ONE FEELS SAFE ANYMORE AND THE SOVIETS ARE GAINING GROUND IN GUINA, GUINEA-BISSAU, BENIN AND MALI. KARGOUGOU CONCLUDED THAT THE U.S. CANNOT REMAIN INDIFFERENT TO THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS AND MUST HELP THOSE MODERATE AFRICAN STATES

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 OUAGAD 01358 131824Z

WHICH ARE OPPOSED TO COMMUNISM.

2. CHAIRMAN DIGGS COUNTERED THAT U.S. WAS IN PROCESS OF INCREASING ITS ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO AFRICAN STATES PARTICULARY IN THE SAHEL AND THAT WE FELT BEST WAY TO COUNTER THE SPREAD OF COMMUNISM IN AFRICA WAS TO HELP AFRICAN STATES TO IMPROVE THE STANDARD OF LIVING OF

THEIR PEOPLE.

3. WHEN WE CALLED ON PRESIDENT LAMIZANA LATER SAME
DAY, WE HEARD PRETTY MUCH THE SAME STORY ON THE THREAT
OF THE SOVIET OFFENSIVE IN AFRICA AND THE INDIFFERENCE
DISPLAYED BY THE UNITED STATES.
GRAHAM

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION, INVASIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 13-Apr-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977OUAGAD01358
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770128-0612
Format: TEL
From: OUAGADOUGOU
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770462/aaaacbqx.tel
Line Count: 69
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 985435a6-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION H
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 STATE 66446
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 30-Nov-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2821069
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SUPPORT FOR MEDIATION OF ZAIRE-ANGOLA DISPUTE
TAGS: PFOR, MOPS, CG, AO, UV
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/985435a6-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009